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## Dear BCCS Community,

Before I get into the business of my newsletter article, I just want to celebrate and highlight to you what a joy and blessing it was to attend my first BCCS **Cluster Cross-Country**. Nicholson Primary School was a great location for the Cross-Country with bush track and oval running providing sufficient challenge for our students to display their skills.

I think I am expressing the appreciation of our whole school community – students, parents and teachers when I say give a hoorah to the team of our PE and Sports teachers including our Mr Alister Micallef and cluster school staff who organised and oversaw the day. Thank you to our Teachers and Aides for their contributions of supervising, supporting and championing ours and other students and for their willingness to take up essential duties on the day.

Congratulations to all our students for their level of participation, sportsmanship of cheering and supporting all runners regardless and their risk taking to do their best above being competitive. A big shout out to all those students, and we have quite a few, who made it through to Division which is held this Friday, 18 May at Nagle College.

Finally, thank you to those parents who were able to come along, and provide the atmosphere of an amazing cheer squad.

## REPORTS

This year BCCS will be bringing our reporting and assessment process in line with the Victorian Government's 2015 policy statement that “all Victorian schools have the flexibility to report to parents in ways that best suit schools and their students”.

This flexibility in approach has created an opportunity for our school to re-evaluate our reporting and assessment priorities. 2018 is a year where our educational team will be rewriting our school-based assessment and reporting policy to complement our school’s teaching and learning plans.

The team have stripped our reporting structures back to the Victorian government’s requirements of reporting student learning achievement twice a year using a five-point scale. We are growing in our journey of continuous assessment and reporting practices and appreciate your patience as we tidy these processes up to provide clear, individualised, timely information about student learning progress throughout the semester.

What does this mean for you in 2018? Please see over the page for more information.

## From Admin,

**Canteen #2** is on this Friday, 18 May - Order forms are attached and are due by this Wednesday, 16 May.

**NAPLAN** is on this week with testing running Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. See information sheet attached for families with students in Year 3 or 5.

**BCCS AGM** is next Tuesday, 22 May. Please see invitation included in this newsletter for more information. The Annual Report will be available soon on the BCCS website.

**School Swimming** begins next Thursday, 24 May. Permission slips will be available in uEducateUs soon. Please note, as per the Term calendar, swimming will be once per week for 4 weeks then the final 2 weeks of Term will have 3 swimming lessons each, running Mon, Wed and Thurs. Lessons for Yrs 3-6 at 12pm and Yrs P-2 at 12:45pm, parents helpers most welcome.

**Grandparents Day** is coming up in 3 weeks on Friday, 1 June. Invitations will be coming home with students in the next week or so.

### Scripture Encouragement

*Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*

*Philippians 4:8*

### Prayer Points

- *Ciaglia and Carroll families*
- *Students participating in the NAPLAN testing this week*
- *Safety and smooth transitions for our School Swimming program*
- *Endurance for our staff, students and families over this busy 11 week term.*

### Praise Points

- *Excellent participation of students at the Cross Country held at Nicholson Primary School, especially the encouragement our students gave one another*
- *The lovely Mother's day events enjoyed by our Mums.*

## What does this mean for you in 2018?

Your child's Semester report will look different to previous years for several reasons.

- your child's learning progress and achievement will be reported on, not their performance. It will not report on a snapshot of what your child has done but it is a picture of the progress they are making towards the achievement standards of the Victorian Curriculum F-10.
- A five-point criterion scale will be provided for each key curriculum area and a progress mark which is drawn from your child's individualised information from across all learning tasks within the semester, highlighting their progress against the Victorian Curriculum F-10 standards statement.
- Your child's classroom teacher/s will also be adding a personal general comment that will address how your child is progressing in their learning engagement, participation and value, as well as any major overarching academic learning comment. The comment should provide you with a clear picture of your child as a learner as well as identify your child's strengths and areas of improvement moving forward.
- Along with your child's twice a year semester report, you have the opportunity to participate, together with your child, in parent-teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress.

### *Our Semester 1, 2018 Reporting Schedule*

Monday, 25 June - A letter containing more information about our new look reports and how to read them will be made available with the newsletter

Friday, 29 June - Semester 1 reports will be published and distributed to families

Monday, 2 July - Appointments for parent-teacher conferences will be open on uEducateUs

Tuesday, 24 July and Thursday, 26 July – our second round of parent teacher conferences will be held.

It is great working in such an outstanding community, please come along to my Principal's Fireside Chat, next Thursday, 23 May if you have questions, concerns or would like more information about these changes.

## Fortnight Snapshot

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
<b>Week 5</b>	14/5	15/5 NAPLAN	16/5 NAPLAN	17/5 NAPLAN	18/5 Division Cross Country  Canteen #2	19-20/5
<b>Week 6</b>	21/5	22/5 BCCS AGM 7pm	23/5	24/5 Swimming 12pm & 12:45pm	25/5	26-27/5

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## **BAIRNSDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL INC.**

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting 2018 Tuesday, 22 May, 7pm

*It is open to all members of the school community with the AGM being only a short meeting,  
followed by supper and fellowship.*

**Please come along and bring a plate of supper to share.**

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## From Parents and Friends

### BBQ in mall

Thank you everyone for their contribution towards the BBQ in the mall last weekend. God provided a steady flow of customers, which resulted in a whopping \$685 profit.

### Mother's Day breakfast

What a beautiful breakfast on Friday. Thank you to core organisers and volunteers who made this lovely event happen.

### Melamine Pictureplates

After much interest, P & F are organising this activity. Children at Foundations ELC will be creating their artwork during kinder sessions, however this activity is open to all school children and people not attending BCCS.

Templates can be picked up from the Office. Order forms and the payment is due back on Wednesday, 23 May.

### Cadbury chocolate drive

With much excitement, the Freddo Frog variety boxes will be sent home to each of the kinder and school families in coming days. We have a massive 5kg box of Cadbury favourites as the first prize incentive, and a dozen other prizes for the children.

### Purchased resources

Over the past month, the Parents and Friends Group have purchased around \$4,000 worth of children's play resources for BCCS. With half of the resources being requested and utilised by Foundations ELC.

The new resources for the school will be utilised during recess and lunch time as passive play activities; either inside the library with Gloria or under the verandas outside. We look forward to hearing from the children their thoughts on the new games and activities.

## Grandparents Day Bookstall

We are excited to say that Helen Rose (First Port of Call) will be doing a book stall for Grandparents Day. This is a great opportunity for Grandparents / Special friends to purchase a book to donate to the school library. This stall will be available from 8:30am-3:30pm.

Helen will also be available at school the day before, Thursday, 31 May for parents to purchase books that they would like for themselves. This stall will be available from 8:30am-3:30pm. There will be a great variety of books for adults to young children.

## Working With Children Check

A reminder that we are now required to have a copy of your Working with Children Check on file if you are wanting to volunteer your time in any capacity within the School community or at School events.

An example is: if you would like to attend an event such as a swimming lesson to watch your child without assisting we will not require a copy of the Check however as soon as you are providing assistance to other children in any capacity we will need the WWCC on file.

A WWCC can be obtained by visiting:  
<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

## Congratulations

### Mr & Mrs Stevens

We are very pleased to congratulate Mr & Mrs Stevens on the safe arrival of their second child, a sister for Hugo. Rosemary Eve arrived safely in early April. We wish them all the best in their ongoing parenting adventures.

### Mr & Mrs Favero

It is with great excitement we congratulate Mr & Mrs Favero on the safe arrival of their first child, a daughter, Eliana Irene Jane Favero. All are doing well and we wish them all the best as they embark on this adventure of parenting.